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# WHO WE ARE

WhoSigned.Org is a grassroots organization of Washington State residents who believe that fairness, equality and freedom from discrimination are core values of our state.

We believe the process for initiative and referendum petitions that maintain discrimination by opposing equal rights and protections for Washington State residents must meet a high standard of transparency to ensure a fair and open discussion in the public forum.

## WHY WE EXIST

In April 2009 our elected representatives in the Washington State Legislature passed <u>SB 5688</u>. This bill expands existing Domestic Partnership legislation that protects both same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples aged 62 and older.

The bill also provides more protection and security to thousands of children who are growing up in the homes of same-sex couples in Washington State (according to <u>analysis of US Census data</u>, 18% of all same-sex couples in Washington State are raising children under 18 years of age).

The Faith and Freedom Network, under the leadership of Oregon resident Garry Randall and Larry Stickney, have lodged Referendum 71 to prevent these expanded Domestic Partnership protections from being enacted. Once the referendum title and description are approved, they have until July 25th 2009 to collect the 120,577 signatures needed to place Referendum 71 on the ballot in November 2009.

At a time when many states are moving from Domestic Partnerships and Civil Unions to providing Civil Marriage equality to their citizens, Washington state is still struggling with whether and how they will treat all couples and families equally.

# WHAT WE ARE DOING

Once signature petitions for initiatives and referenda are submitted and verified by the Secretary of State they are part of the public record. When signatures for Referendum 71 have been verified WhoSigned.Org will:

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Pledge to Decline to Sign Referendum 71

Join "Decline to Sign 71" on Facebook Join "Who Signed Referendum 71" on Facebook

**Donate to Equal Rights Washington** 

### NEWS & MEDIA COVERAGE

"This is probably our opponents worst nightmare" – The Stranger Weblog (May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Campaign targets same-sex rights – The Spokesman-Review (May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Debate about gay equality appears to be ending – The Seattle Times (May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Group Protests Same-sex Rights – The Spokesman-Review (May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

<u>Last Gasp</u> – The Stranger Weblog (May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Larry Stickney's Referendum 71 Has No Support from its Natural Allies – Washblog (May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Foes challenge expanded same-sex
Partner rights – SeattlePI.com (May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

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Work to make this public record signature information accessible and searchable on the internet.

Flag the 3% signature sample that is certified by the Elections Division of the Secretary of State.

Provide Washington State Voters with a way to check that the public record of their advocacy is correct.

Provide Washington State Voters with a way of reporting when their signature has been recorded either fraudulently or in error.

CONTACTS

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Representation Without Taxation – The Stranger (April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

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REMOVING REFERENDA & INITIATIVES FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

Washington Republicans for Secret Advocacy – The Gay Curmudgeon (March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007)

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